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# Hanoverview

#### **Pickleball Courts Grand Opening**



Dante Terenzio,
Stephen Gross,
Mike Prendeville,
Susan Lawless,
Jean Versteeg &
John Diacogiannis
celebrate the opening
of four new outdoor
pickleball courts in
Municipal Park.

Excitement filled Municipal Park as four new outdoor pickleball courts are now open for play. Pickleball, one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States, combines elements of tennis and table tennis. It's an accessible and fun game suitable for all ages and skill levels. The new courts are now open for anyone interested in playing.

If you're curious about pickleball but aren't sure where to start, the Hanover Township Community Center is available to provide information and help you get started. Come join the fun and experience why pickleball is capturing the nation's attention!

#### **October** is Fire Prevention Month

# Fire Safety at Home: Essential Tips to Protect Your Loved Ones

By Jean Versteeg, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Summer is starting to wind down, and even though the days are still warm, the evenings are getting cooler. That means people will get cozy next to their chimineas outside or in front of the fireplace. Then, before y

next to their chimineas outside or in front of the fireplace. Then, before we know it, it's time to put up all those holiday lights. This is an excellent time to review some basic fire safety tips.

Fire safety is a crucial yet often overlooked aspect of home safety. Fires can happen to anyone and can be devastating, leading to loss of property, injury, or even death. However, many fires can be prevented with the right precautions and awareness. Here are some tips to help ensure your home is as safe as possible.

1. Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms: Smoke alarms are your first line of defense in a fire. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas. Test them monthly to ensure they're working, and change the batteries at least once a year, or consider installing units with long-life batteries or hardwired systems. Regular maintenance can significantly increase your chances of early detection. (You should also ensure everyone knows what your smoke alarms sound like. If your household is anything like mine, you learned what yours sound like when you tried to cook the bacon extra crispy.) Please turn to page 3.



# from the Supervisors – News & Updates



### 2025 Budget Planning Is Underway

By Susan A. Lawless, Esq., Chair, Board of Supervisors

By the time you receive this Fall Newsletter, planning will be well underway to craft the 2025 budget. Funding a new roof and HVAC system for the Community Center remains a chief concern and one we hope we can

fund in 2026. No other major interior upgrades necessary to keep strong the beating heart of our community can logically be undertaken until the building's major infrastructure is secured. The Township has also applied for a grant to fund a professional review of all of the Township's recreational assets to assess needs within our parks and develop a thoughtful plan for future investment and upgrades, including more trails. With or without the grant money, the process of upgrading recreational opportunities will continue.

The health and vitality of our volunteer fire service and of our EMS is another area of budget focus. The Board anticipates funding a number of additional incentives aimed at building the department's volunteer base. A dedicated fire tax has been used to purchase equipment such as trucks and ambulances, to date. The tax generates approximately \$275,000 annually. Two trucks are presently scheduled for replacement in 2027 and 2029, and the department's air

packs, essential life sustaining equipment, are due for replacement in 2029. The fund holds \$1,050,000.00 at present, the projected cost of just one of those trucks. The ability of the current system to keep pace with stark increases in the cost of such highly specialized equipment will surely be tested in the next few budget cycles.

The Township continues to benefit from a well-trained and experienced staff in all departments. Therefore, the budget is one very important tool to ensure training needs are met. It is also a means to retain key staff in a very competitive employment market here in the Lehigh Valley. The challenge for a mature Township such as ours, with little new commercial development on the immediate horizon, is to maintain the high level of services the Township is known for and to continue to invest in infrastructure, while maintaining a stable property tax burden. Being able stewards of our constituents' tax dollars has always been a top priority of the Board of Supervisors and this year will be no different. We will continue to maximize investment opportunities for the surplus the Township currently holds, aggressively search for grant opportunities and remain open to new ideas to realize system and cost efficiencies. Please look for budget discussions on upcoming agendas and join in the conversation.



Walking Path Extensions, Additions and a New Pump Track

By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

When I decided to run for this position, I spent nearly every weekend last fall walking around Hanover Township, meeting and talking to as many residents as I could. I wasn't able to get to everyone, and some of you weren't

home, but there were a few things I repeatedly heard from the residents I did get a chance to chat with during that time.

Aside from discussions about warehouses in the Township, paths for walking and biking came up most often. Some thought it would be nice to be able to connect to the Nor-Bath Trail—or get as close as possible to it—while others just asked if the one at Municipal Park at the Community Center could just be turned into a loop, making it easier to get back to where you started when walking there.

Some of these updates won't cost much, but I came across a Pennsylvania Commonwealth Finance Authority grant, funded by the Marcellus Legacy Fund which was created "to provide for the distribution of unconventional gas well impact fees to counties, municipalities and commonwealth agencies." I sent information about the DCED Greenways Grant to Township staff, they prepared our application (a big thank you to the Township staff!) and the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved applying for \$85,000 to be used to obtain services to update our parks, recreation, and open space plan at the May 28 Board of Supervisors meeting. A decision on this grant has yet to be made, but we'll continue to look for opportunities to apply for additional grants.

After expressing my thoughts to Township Manager Mark Hudson on expanding some paths and connecting others, he asked to meet because he had some ideas of his own. We reviewed aerial maps of the Township and discussed both short-term (extending and adding some additional paths) and long-term (connecting existing paths within the Township and possibly trying to take the system as close to the Nor-Bath Trail as possible) plans.

#### **Walking Path Extensions continued**

Mr. Hudson has taken the next step in moving plans forward by discussing connecting the path in Municipal Park that leads up to Claire St. with the path that leads up to the parking lot at the end of Greenfield Rd. to create a loop and constructing a loop path in Monocacy Park with Public Works Director Marty Limpar. Those projects would be handled by Township staff, making them the easiest to complete.

Other ideas, that would involve Hanover Engineering, are being discussed as well.

Another project that I'm excited about and is beginning to move forward is a pump track in the Township.

A young boy in the Township, Braxton Seacor, wrote to the Board of Supervisors twice prior to my arrival – once as a third grader and again last year as a sixth grader – asking for a skate park at the Community Center. Money had been set aside in the 2024 budget for the construction of one, and a copy of

Braxton's most recent letter was included with the budget, but when I inquired, no action had been taken yet.

Earlier this year, we added a motion to a Board of Supervisors meeting agenda to authorize Hanover Engineering to work with Township officials to determine a site and develop plans. It was unanimously approved by the Board. A plan was presented to the Board in mid-September but due to liability and insurance, the plan featured a pump track – a track comprised of a series of rollers and banked turns that can be used by bikes, rollerblades, scooters, or skateboards.

The plan will be added to the agenda of a future Board meeting for feedback and approval before construction begins behind the Community Center.

Improving and adding additional recreation options for all Township residents is one of my main priorities, and I'm happy to be able to report that multiple projects are moving forward.

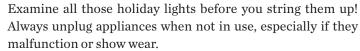
#### Fire Safety continued from page 1

- 2. Develop and Practice a Fire Escape Plan: Creating a fire escape plan is crucial. Identify at least two exits from each room and ensure everyone in the household knows them. Designate a meeting place outside the home where everyone will gather once they have escaped. Practice your escape plan regularly to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in the event of a fire. If you have, or live on a second or third floor, you should also have a fire ladder in case you need to evacuate through a window.
- 3. Be Careful with Cooking: Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using stovetops or deep fryers. Keep flammable items, such as dish towels and paper towels, away from the stove. If a fire starts while cooking, don't try to move the pan; instead, cover it with a lid or a pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat. Never use water on a grease fire, as this can cause the fire to spread.
- 4. Properly Store and Use Flammable Materials: Flammable materials, including gasoline, paint, and cleaning agents, should be stored in properly labeled containers away from heat sources. Keep these materials in a cool, dry place, and ensure they are out of reach of children. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using these substances, and never smoke or use open flames near them.
- 5. Install and Maintain Fire Extinguishers: Having a multipurpose fire extinguisher in your home can be a lifesaver. Place one in the kitchen, garage, and other areas where fires are more likely to start. Install them close to the exit so you can escape if needed. Familiarize yourself with how to use it by reading the instructions. Remember the acronym

PASS for operating a fire extinguisher:

Pull the pin Aim the nozzle Squeeze the handle Sweep from side to side.

6. Avoid Overloading Electrical Outlets:
Overloading electrical outlets can lead to electrical fires. Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers for multiple devices and avoid daisy-chaining extension cords. Inspect cords regularly for fraying or damage and replace them if necessary.



- 7. Secure and Maintain Heating Equipment: Heating equipment, such as space heaters, should be used with caution. Keep them at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including furniture and curtains. Ensure a professional inspects your heating system annually to prevent malfunction and reduce fire risk. Additionally, avoid using your stove or oven to heat your home.
- 8. Educate and Supervise Children: Children should be taught about the dangers of fire and what to do if one occurs. Ensure they understand the importance of not playing with matches or lighters and know how to escape a fire. Regularly remind them of your fire safety plan and practice fire drills to reinforce their understanding.

By taking these preventive measures, you can significantly reduce the fire risk in your home and ensure your family is prepared in an emergency. Fire safety is a shared responsibility. Staying vigilant and prepared can help protect your home and loved ones from the devastating effects of fire.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers many more tips and educational tools at www.NFPA.org. ■



#### Honoring Raphael Rivera: A Tribute to a Dedicated PennDot Employee

On Friday, August 16, 2024, family, friends, local public officials, and PennDot came together to honor the memory of Raphael Rivera, a PennDot employee who tragically lost his life while working on our roads. The event, held in Hanover Township, Northampton County, PA, was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who keep our roadways safe.

Raphael Rivera was remembered fondly by those who knew him. His family shared that he was passionate about his work and deeply valued by his colleagues. His loss is keenly felt, and he is missed dearly by everyone who had the pleasure of working with him.

During the ceremony, a special tribute sign was unveiled naming the Route 512 Bridge, which spans Monocacy Creek, in honor of Raphael Rivera. This bridge will now serve as a lasting reminder of his dedication and the high cost of working on our roadways.

As you travel through Hanover Township and beyond, please take a moment to reflect on the hard work and bravery of the men and women who maintain our roads. Each year, approximately 100 highway workers lose their lives while performing their crucial duties. Your awareness and caution in work zones can make a significant difference.



Remember, these workers have families who anxiously await their return home after a long day. By driving carefully and respecting roadwork zones, we honor their commitment and help ensure their safe return.

# New Complaint Form Available for Pennsylvania Consumers with Airline Issues, says Emrick



A new, online complaint form for Pennsylvania consumers encountering hardships with airline travel, ranging from flight delays and cancellations to boarding problems, is now available, according to Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton).

The form is available on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

website, at www.attorneygeneral.gov, by clicking the "Submit a Complaint" tab at the top of the page. A printable version of the form is also available.

According to the attorney general's office, the form was created in response to a nationwide uptick in consumer complaints regarding air travel and is the product of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation to better assist Pennsylvania travelers.

Consumers may file complaints whether they purchased tickets directly, or through an agent or third party. Residents of Pennsylvania or those who faced airline issues in Pennsylvania are eligible to use the new complaint form. The forms require information, such as a ticket number, flight itinerary, flight date, date of ticket purchase, ticket price, and form of payment. The forms also require specifics on what issues were encountered by the traveler. This information will be useful when reviewing and resolving complaints.

The U.S. Department of Transportation expects to launch a modernized system for handling air travel service complaints later this year. This system is intended to improve the customer experience for the tens of thousands of consumers who file air travel service complaints with the department each year. The attorney general's office will provide information on how to submit complaints directly to the department in the future.

Rep. Joe Emrick (137th Legislative District)

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# Patriot Day: An Emotional Time for Many

By Dante Terenzio, Recreation Director

Michael Kostalis is a devoted member to the Hanover Township Community Center. He pours a lot of sweat into the weight room at HTCC, and in doing so, sets a great example, especially for our high school aged members seeking to get in a good workout.

Kostalis has a long career in the U.S. Marines to thank for building up his character and work ethic. A retired Master Sergeant (E-8), Kostalis recently served as Hanover Township's guest speaker for Patriot Day, which is held to honor those who sacrificed or lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Kostalis spoke of his more than 32-year career, with an emphasis on his time spent training for an eventual deployment to fight the Global War on Terror. His speech became especially emotional when talking about the hardships his wife (Diane) and two children (Amanda and Michael Jr.) faced when he went off to battle.

The ultimate message Kostalis drove home was the importance of our country uniting again, as we did on September 12, 2001.

Kostalis's Garrison Duty Stations included Parris Island in South Carolina, Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Camp Pendleton in California, Cherry Point in North Carolina, and Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

Outside the continental US, Kostalis completed stints in Kuwait, twice in Iraq, as well as Ukraine.

Kostalis earned numerous awards which include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and a National Defense Medal. He also received an Iraq Campaign Medal twice, along with a Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal.

(Top) Patriot Day guest speaker Michael Kostalis remembers 9/11 and all those who sacrificed or lost their lives during one of the most historic moments in U.S. history.

(Bottom) Local scouts were on hand for the annual Patriot Day ceremony at the Hanover Township Community Center Apron on 9/11. The scouts ended the ceremony retiring dozens of flags.

# Hanover Township Community Center





Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

# So Long Summer; Fall Fun Ahead!

Hanover Township saw a lot of new improvements over the past few months. First and foremost, the grand opening of the pool brought on much excitement from our residents, and was obviously a tremendous way to start the summer. Nearly 1,500 patrons signed up for memberships for the pool. We appreciate all who frequented, and would love to see that number grow next year!

Speaking of big numbers: The vast amount of lifeguards hired for Hanover's pool is directly correlated to the attraction of the beautiful facility. Management would like to thank these youthful employees for their hard work and willingness to learn each and every shift. Watching our pool staff grow as a team throughout the summer was truly an honor.

Our Kids Summer Camp also enjoyed many days at the pool this past season. In fact, the children had the pool to themselves throughout the summer—one of the many perks of sending your children to our popular camp.

On another note, have you tried the new outdoor pickleball courts yet? Stop by on any given evening and you'll most likely meet new people who are diehard players. The sport has really taken off in Hanover. Thanks to our Public Works crew, our four tennis courts at Municipal Tract have been resurfaced, and two of those courts are also lined for pickleball. That gives us six outdoor pickleball courts! So, if you haven't tried out pickleball just yet, be sure to stop by the new courts. As another option, we still have three indoor courts available at HTCC. Open play is available indoors from 12–2:30PM on weekdays.

Now that we're moving forward to the fall season, we'd like to announce two events. First, our 2024 Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, October 5. As always, we're expecting a huge turnout. The other event is a new sporting event geared towards the youth of Hanover. The 2024 Turkey Bowl is an event I'm especially excited for. If you have a student who's a backyard football fanatic, mark down the morning of Saturday, November 16 on your calendar. Additional information will soon be posted on the Hanover Township Community Center Facebook page!



Be sure to check the HTCC Facebook page for updates on fall programming



#### **HTCC FAll Programming**

#### RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Junior and Adult Tennis Clinic,
- Open Pickleball and Clinics
- Open Gym Volleyball

#### **FITNESS**

- Yoga
   Core Yoga
   Silver Sneakers Classic
- Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga
   Spin Class
- Low-Level Weights
- Step Aerobics Zumba Gold
- SHiNE Dance Fitness

# Please visit hanovercommunitycenter.com for more information or to register for Recreation classes.

Members of HTCC can register for all fitness classes at the front desk of the Community Center or by calling our front desk at 610–317–8701.

## Hanover Township Community Center



## **Summer 2024 Memories**





















#### Mark Your Calendar Hanover Township Special Events

- October 5
- November 16
- December 6
- December 7

Fall Fest

Turkey Bowl (New!)

Tree Lighting

Breakfast with Santa

#### **Hanover Township Community Center**





Lisa Outcalt HTCC Preschool Director

#### **HTCC Preschool Update**

HTCC Preschool are back for a third school year, and we are off to a wonderful start. Thank you to our new families and returning families, we are truly lucky to have such wonderful students attend. As we settle into our routine, students will learn important social skills and necessary skills to be ready for kindergarten.

Fall is such a wonderful season to study, as the weather changes, we enjoy outside time, nature walks while observing the changing landscape, learning about apples, making apple sauce and getting cozy.

We currently have availability for part-time and full-time students. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Outcalt, Preschool Director by email:

Preschooldirector@hanovertwp-cc.org.



Thank you to HTCC's Special Event Sponsors









# **School** News & Updates

#### Asa Packer 2024

Summer break is over and the Asa Students are back for a fun-filled 2024/25 school year. Prior to the school year starting, the BASD Summer Program was in full swing with many Asa students in attendance. Sunny days were filled with water and playground play, while indoors the kids used their imaginations to make amazing crafts and made new friends. The kids also participated in many exciting field trips to local establishments, including the National Canal Museum, Hampton Lanes, Lucky Strokes Minigolf, and many more. Asa's newest kindergarten students got a sneak peek of the school with the Kindergarten Playground Party/Parent open house on August 22nd. The Asa class of 2030 met their new teachers, colored, met new classmates in their respective classrooms, and enjoyed popsicles provided by the PTA while playing with their new friends on the playground.

As a students began the school year on August 26, 2024, and were greeted with a fun and colorful "Welcome Back, Puma's" sign along with ACE, the Puma's mascot. Students and teachers from all the classes got to go out and take pictures in front of the sign, a gift from the generous PTA. Kindergarteners were given new Asa Packer shirts to sport for the first Asa Packer Student Pride Day. Asa students love showing off their Asa gear and rocking out in blue and white with PUMA Pride!!

As a Packer welcomed numerous families on Thursday night, August 28th for Open House. Parents met with teachers and specialists to learn about all the inspiring and stimulating learning their students will be met with in the new school year. Parents were also able to meet with the PTA to get a glimpse of all the fabulous activities they will be hosting this year. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop leaders were also on hand for signups and information, along with members of BASD Proud Parents and staff from Pinebrook Family Answers.

Asa Packer's PTA hosted the first of many fundraisers on Sept 9th at On the Border. Families munched on delicious Mexican food, engaged in meaningful conversations about how the school year is going all while raising over \$400. The PTA uses the funds to help support the teachers and specialists in building inviting learning oases, supporting the cost of field trips, bringing invigorating assemblies, and hosting family fun nights. The PTA's second Dine & Donate was held on October 4th & 5th at George's Oasis. Asa families ate yummy home cooked meals, played multiple rounds of mini golf, and topped the night off with ice cream. It was a spectacular time and helped to raise more funds for Asa Packer. Be sure to check out the Asa Packer PTA Facebook page for more Dine & Donte dates in the future. It would be great to see our wonderful Hanover Township neighbors supporting our students and Asa staff. See you soon!!



Asa Packer's biggest fundraiser of the year, Walk-a-Thon took place on Friday Sept 27th. Kids look forward to this event each year and strive to make the most money for their grades. Students walk around the school while collecting bracelets for each lap they make around the playground. Kids also engage in activities along the way, adding to the fun of the day. The more money the kids raise, the more chances they get to win gift cards donated by the Asa families.

Grandpals/VIP Day, also a fan favorite took place this year on October 9th. Students got to show off their new skills in the classroom with some of their favorite people, their grandparents. Book Fair also coincided with Grandpal's day again this year. I mean what grandparent is going to shy away from adding to their grandchild's learning experience in adding a new book to their home library? Book Fair ran from October 7th to the 11th, with each class taking a shopping spree while being helped by our generous parent volunteers.

Harvest Parties also take place at the school on October 25th following the always entertaining Halloween Parade. Kids dress in their favorite costumes and show them off while walking around the school. Parties are run by the room parents and party helpers, and each class eats fall-themed snacks, play games to win prizes, and makes fall crafts to decorate their homes.

Back to school and Fall Events have really helped getting the students, teachers, and staff get back in the swing of things for an amazing 2024/25 school year ahead. We can't wait to share all the fun and exciting happenings this winter. We hope to see you all out and about in the township and at our fundraisers and events. Thanks for reading and have an awesome and safe Autum Season!!

#### Hanover School 2024

We hope everyone had a nice summer, and we are so excited to be starting a new year!! A big heartfelt thank you to Atria of Bethlehem. They provided a luncheon and gifts for all our teachers to start of their year. Our newest and littlest Hawks attended Little Hawks night on August 22nd. During the event, the kindergarten students and parents were able to see their classrooms and meet their teachers. After all the students returned on August 26th, grades 1–5 families were greeted to our Open House. We had nothing but smiles for school pictures on September 16th.

Some of the events we are looking forward to are International Peace Day, Hawk Walk, BASD American Education Week, Harvest Day celebration and the Book Fair. Most of these events are possible because of numerous volunteers and the generosity of our community as well as the PTA. Thank you to all those who help us nourish



our students to be the best they can be. Wishing all a great school year! ■

#### **Halloween Safety Tips**

Halloween is a lot of fun, but it's also important to keep safety in mind. Here are some tips to help ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone:

#### For Trick-or-Treaters

#### **Costume Safety:**

- Wear costumes in bright colors or add reflective tape to make sure you're visible.
- Ensure costumes are well-fitting and don't drag on the ground to avoid tripping.
- Use face paint instead of masks when possible to avoid obstructing vision.

#### Safe Walking:

- Always use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Stick to sidewalks and avoid walking in the street.

#### **Buddy System:**

• Trick-or-treat with friends or family members and never go alone.

#### **Check Candy:**

• Before eating, check all candy for any signs of tampering or unwrapped items.

#### For Drivers

- Reduce your speed in residential areas and be vigilant for pedestrians.
- Keep your attention on the road and avoid using your phone while driving.
- Be especially alert in areas with heavy foot traffic and keep an eye out for children.

#### For Homeowners

- Make sure your driveway, walkway, and front steps are well-lit and free of obstacles.
- Clear any potential tripping hazards like hoses, lawn decorations, or low-lying plants.
- If you have pets, keep them in a separate room to avoid any surprises or accidents with the costumed visitors.
- Offer pre-packaged candy rather than homemade treats to avoid any safety concerns.
- Use battery-operated candles in jack-o'-lanterns and other decorations instead of real flames.



# Trick or Treat Night

Hanover Township's Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 25, from 6-8pm. Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate!

# BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WWW.BAPL.ORG



#### NEED HELP WITH HOMEWORK?

Back to school means back to homework, but don't worry! We've got you covered with free tutoring at the library. Tutors from Moravian University's America Reads program are available at the Main Library (11 W. Church St.) Monday through Thursday from 4-6 PM most weeks. No registration is required—just drop in! Tutors can help students from grades K-12 and in all subjects. Please check our website for full details, including holiday and university break schedules.

#### **UPDATE ON THE BOOKMOBILE**

Earlier this year, the BAPL Bookmobile went out of service, but thanks to your generous support, we're excited to announce that a new vehicle is on the way! We hope to have it on the road by the end of the year. In the meantime, our BAPL delivery van is making the usual stops throughout the Township so you can still pick up your reserves. Some small changes have been made to the schedule for the fall, so be sure to check bapl.org/bookmobile for updates. And keep an eye out for the brand new Bookmobile coming soon!

# DON'T MISS THE LAST BAPL BOOK SALE OF THE YEAR!

Get ready for our final book sale of the year at the Main Library! The December sale will take place on Wednesday, December 4 from 12-8 PM and Saturday, December 7 from 10 AM-4 PM. With thousands of books available—most priced at just a dollar or two—it's the perfect opportunity to stock up on great reads and holiday gifts. Don't miss it!



There's always something going on at BAPL! Use the tools below to stay in the know about all the new and exciting offerings at your library.

**FOLLOW US** 



Social Media: @pabapl

e-mail Newsletter Signup: <u>bapl.org/newsletter</u>

Bookmobile Schedule: <u>bapl.org/the-bookmobile</u>



#### From the Shade Tree Advisory Board

#### Fall/Winter Tree Maintenance: Pruning

Pruning is best when done in the dormant season. This is especially true for oaks. Prune oak trees after the trees have lost their leaves and the branch structure is easy to see. Check the Township website on Tree Care for the proper pruning methods.

- Tree topping should never be confused with proper pruning!
- Besides being unsightly, topping is one of the worst things you can do to a tree, and it is illegal in Hanover Township (Ordinance Chapter 168-5 B-1).
- Topping places great stress on a tree and forces it to send up many weakly attached shoots that usually grow back higher than the original branches.
- Topping starves the tree by removing food-producing leaves and forcing the tree to use its stored-up energy to send out numerous new shoots.
- Topping produces large stubs that are vulnerable to insect invasion and fungi.
- Hire only firms with ISA-certified arborists on staff. Many people say they are "licensed" or expert tree workers, but that is not the same as a certified arborist.

For more information, go to www.treesaregood.org to find free downloads about Tree Care Basics and other helpful tree pruning tips.



#### **Replace Your Street Tree**

There have been many Township street trees that have been illegally removed or have died and not been replaced. According to our Ordinance (Chapter 168-5 B (2) (a)), you are legally required to replace that missing tree with one from the Township's Approved Tree List. Go to the Township website, get the tree list, and apply for a permit.

Fall is the perfect time to plant a tree! The rainfall and snow during the fall, winter, and spring help the young tree's roots get well established before the heat and dry summer months arrive the following year.



#### **New Park Trees**

If you take a walk in one of our parks, look for the new, young trees. Some have replaced trees that have died, and some are new additions. Each fall and spring, we plant 11 trees in the Township parks and other open areas. With this wonderful record of actively planting over 20 new trees each year, Hanover Township is now officially a Tree City USA as of April 2024, joining over 3000 communities across the nation that are committed to planting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy.

#### **Keep Leaves and Yard Waste Out of Storm Drains**

It is that time again! Leaves are lovely to look at as they paint Hanover Township in golden shades of orange, yellow, and red. But once these leaves start drifting to the ground, we all know what a mess will be left behind. Leaves should never be blown or raked into storm drains. When leaves enter storm drains, they clog the pipes and cause street flooding. And if they aren't removed, the



leaves will start to decay, sending a lot of nutrients into our waterways. We know you want to do your part to protect our water.

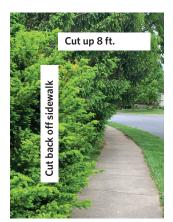
The Township Public Works Department works hard to keep storm drains clear of leaves; we could use your help! Fallen leaves pile up on storm drains on our streets, blocking rainwater from draining, which can lead to neighborhood flooding. Flooding can cause safety concerns and property damage.

#### Help protect our water and resources:

- Never rake or blow leaves into ditches, or storm drains.
- Place your leaves on the edge of the road for leave collection, or compost them at home. If you have a mulching lawnmower, use it to recycle leaves and their nutrients into your lawn.
- Do not dump yard waste, trash, or other waste near or into storm drains.

# From the Zoning Office: Trees and Shrubs Over Sidewalks

By Tracy Luisser, BCO & Zoning Officer



Please ensure that any tree branches overhanging the sidewalks are trimmed to be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. Additionally, shrubs should not extend over the sidewalk; please trim any branches or foliage that encroach on the sidewalk. It is important that the full width of the sidewalk remains free and clear for pedestrian use.

#### Winter Snow Removal Procedures

When winter weather falls, ensure sidewalks are shoveled promptly. A path must be cleared within 36 hours after the end of snowfall to allow safe pedestrian passage. By 48 hours after the end of snowfall, the entire width and length of the sidewalk must be cleared of snow. If you have a fire hydrant on your property,



make sure it and the area immediately surrounding it are kept clear of snow within 12 hours after the end of snowfall.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# Annual Northampton County Festival

By County Executive Lamont G. McClure

Get ready for a day of community celebration at the Annual Northampton County Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2024! Join us at Louise Moore Park (151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA) from 11:00AM to 5:00PM for a rain-or-shine event full of festivities.

This year's festival promises an exciting lineup: indulge in various food trucks, sip on local brews, explore unique crafts, Crayola Fun Station free for kids, free tennis lessons, and live entertainment. Don't



miss a special award ceremony at 2:45PM, where we honor our county's finest – municipal workers, public safety, veterans, outstanding youth, and many others will be celebrated.

#### Vendor, Craft & Retail Space Available

Vendors can secure their spot with rates of \$150 for food booths and \$25 for craft and retail spaces. Non-profits can join the festivities for free with a \$25 refundable deposit. To apply, send your completed application and payment to 527 E. Laurel Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, with checks made out to Fun-Nominal Events. Remember, no space is reserved until payment is received.

For more details or questions, contact event organizers at 484-239-4925 or Debi@fun-nominalevents.com.

I hope to see you there!



#### **Fall Leaf Collection**

Public Works leaf collection is just around the corner! As we have done in previous years, we will divide the township into three (3) zones: North, Middle and South. Once we begin leaf collection, the trucks will be through each zone approximately weekly.

- Please remember that as the fall season progresses, we will continue to collect, however, we may not collect at every house each week. We will finish collections in all three (3) zones before we restart any zone.
- Please have your leaves placed curbside and in "Wind Rows."
   This will help the process move as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Keep in mind that upon the completion of leaf season, the Public Works Department will switch our leaf trucks over to prepare for snow operations. Please be sure to follow along on the Hanover Township website as to when the trucks will be around for the final collection.



#### **EMS CORNER**

By Karen Peters, EMS Director

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Total calls for the quarter ..... 2176

#### Winter Weather

Want to avoid spending the winter feeling awful and curled up with a pile of tissues? Follow these eight tips.

- ► Get a flu shot.
- If you have a fever or flu symptoms, don't go to school or work
- ➤ Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, unless you need medical care.
- ► Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, not your hands, when coughing or sneezing.
- ► Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- ► Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ► Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, and school.
- ► Practice healthy habits: Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

Tips on how to prepare for a winter storm.

- ► Stock up on food, water and medicine
- ► Be sure to have enough warm clothing and blankets
- ► Fill gallon jugs of water in the event you lose access to water
- ► Have flashlights with extra batteries in the event of a power outage
- ► Keep emergency supplies in your vehicle such as blankets, extra warm clothes, and boots
- Have a snow shovel and ice-melting supplies on hand.
- ▶ If you are not physically able to shovel snow, consider hiring someone to do it for you.
  Snow shoveling may

lead to an increased risk of a heart attack.

Never warm up your vehicle in a garage







#### **Fire Company News**

Number of Active Calls to Date for 2024 ......653

#### Save The Date: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Santa will make his annual trip through the Township on Saturday, December 14th beginning at 9AM. Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Remember we need your help so we can help you.



#### Emergency Responders Needed: Help Us Help You.... Come Join Our Team

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are different divisions within our company: Administrative positions, Firefighting, Fire Police, and EMS. All required training and equipment are provided at no cost. If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station at 610.867.2103. Visit our website: www.htvfc.org



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# Christmas Tree Lighting Breakfast with Santa & Upcoming Events

By Dante Terenzio, Recreation Director





Winter will be here before we know it. For us here at the Hanover Township Community Center, that means preparations are being made for our most popular annual event: the Christmas Tree Lighting.

This free event is scheduled for Friday, December 6 from 6-8PM throughout the Municipal Tract apron and parking lot, as well as inside HTCC.

Despite substantial rain last year, we still had a tremendous turnout. Our guests enjoyed carriage rides through Stafore, an ice carving demonstration, a performance from the Nitschmann Middle School band, along with entertainment provided by D.H. Productions. Kids crafts, cookie decorating, hot chocolate and popcorn were available our meeting room, as well as a snowball fight in the HTCC gymnasium.

We're bringing back all those activities this year plus some. And, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the Grinch will be on hand to provide even more Christmas spirit.

The following day, December 7, Santa Claus will be back to the Community Center for our Breakfast with Santa event. Eggs, bacon, bagels, and more will be served. The cost for the event is \$6 for children and \$12 for adults. Christmas crafts, a goodie bag, and photos with Santa are included in the price.

We're always looking for new vendors and sponsors for our events, especially the Christmas Tree Lighting. If your business is interested in attending, please reach out to Recreation Director Dante Terenzio by phone (610) 317-8701 or email dterenzio@hanovertwp-cc.org.



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